

## REMEMBERING

### BINYON'S LINES

They shall grow not old  
As we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them  
Nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them

### **Who, why and how do we remember them?**

**War Memorials** can be found in most towns, cities and communities in New Zealand. They appear in many forms, shapes and sizes (memorial gates, statues, cenotaphs, sports grounds and halls) and have been created with much care and thought.

But how often do we actually take the time to really look at these memorials and think about the reasons for their existence?

Since the South African War at the end of the nineteenth century, communities throughout New Zealand have established memorials to commemorate the supreme sacrifice given by the soldiers from their district.

Each memorial is unique and you will find that its features are a representation of something special.

Here are some activities you can do relating to the War Memorials in your town.

- ◆ Locate one of the War Memorials that is a feature of your area.
- ◆ On a piece of paper, design a map showing visitors to your community where it and other War Memorials can be found.
- ◆ Write a brief description of the type of memorial you have chosen. Remember to include the group of people it is dedicated to.
- ◆ See if you can find out who built, designed or created the memorial you have chosen.

- ◆ Submit your work as a history assignment at school or contact your local paper to print it in their next edition
- ◆ You are now on your way to becoming an historian.